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DR. O. H. CRESSLER,
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 Office over the McDonald State Bank.

CITY AND COUNTY NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kelso have returned from a visit with relatives in Grand Island.

Katzenjammer Picnic—a whirlwind of sport.

Miss Edna Elliott has accepted a position in the dental office of Dr. H. C. Brock.

Miss Janet Thornton, of Gering, who visited Misses Eucelle McFarland and Sybil Gant for a week, left Tuesday afternoon for Lincoln.

Mrs. Wilfred Stuart, of Lexington, who has been visiting her mother Mrs. John Tighe for two weeks, will leave tomorrow evening.

Mrs. L. C. Newton, who left recently for Omaha to take medical treatment will be obliged to remain in a hospital there for six weeks.

Mrs. George Roberts, daughter Mildred and son Paul, of Maxweh, visited a few days this week with Mrs. Chas. Stamp and other local friends.

William Leary, a student at Creighton college in Omaha, who visited two weeks at the home of his aunt Mrs. F. J. Doran, left Tuesday evening.

Jermine C. Perry, age seventy-seven, of Paxton, died Tuesday morning. He was a member of the G. A. R. and known by many local people.

Mrs. Charles Mann, of Sidney, who spent several weeks with her parents Mr. and Mrs. James McMichael returned home the first of this week.

Dr. Morrill, Dentist.

Thos. Healey, who was recently appointed a deputy fire warden, went to Lincoln Wednesday night to be inducted into that office and get a line up on the work.

A marriage license was granted the fore part of this week at the county judge's office to Rolland Brooks, of Gottenburg and Miss Ethyle Sidmore, of Ogallala.

Mrs. Eurick, of Sweet Grass, Mont., left Tuesday afternoon for Lincoln to visit relatives after spending a week with her brother C. S. Sawyer and family.

G. W. Stockman, of Sedgewick, Col., who was injured in the wreck at Gottenburg recently, and had since been a patient at the City hospital, was able to return home Tuesday.

Miss Helen Stuart, of Lexington, who visited with Misses Marie and Florence Stack this week, returned home Wednesday evening.

Miss Bess Crandall, of Douglass, Wyo., formerly a teacher in the local schools came last evening to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pielsticker.

Alfred Cochran, of Omaha, formerly operator in the Western Union office here, spent the greater part of this week visiting his brother J. V. Cochran.

Mrs. L. A. McDonald, who suffered a paralytic stroke some time ago, still remains in a practically helpless condition at her home in the Fourth ward.

Miss Hazel Minshall, of Lincoln, who visited her parents for two weeks, will leave this evening.

The annual convention of Woman's Clubs of Nebraska will be held in this city March 22d and 23d. Delegates are expected from fifty-two clubs.

Mrs. Joseph Herrod, of Columbus, formerly of this city, has gone to Mayo Bros. hospital in Rochester, Minn., to have an operation performed for goiter.

Katzenjammer Picnic Keith theatre, January 16-17.

For Sale—Good five room house and two lots or will trade for stock. Call Black 661 or write John Brosse, North Platte, Neb. 192-1*

Mrs. William Baldwin and children, of Omaha, who had spent the past month with her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Bratt, left Wednesday evening.

The way the Boys' and Men's Clothing is going out at The Leader Mercantile Co.'s store is very evident that the way prices are being knifed is so plain and so great that people can see the big saving by buying now and during the Great Clearance Sale.

The county commissioners have been in session since Tuesday morning winding up county affairs for the past year and getting business in shape for the coming year. Today they began making settlement with the various county officers, a work that will keep them busy for a week or more.

Dr. Brock, Dentist, over Stone Drug Store.

Douglas Fairbanks will be seen at the Keith Monday night in the 5-part drama, "The Half Breed," a picture that was taken in Claveras county, California, which is the California home of the big trees. With this will be shown a DeWolfe Hopper comedy—"Poor Papa."

Dressmaking by the day or by the piece. Inquire at the Art store or Phone Black 599, Mollie E. Burke.

Archdeacon Bowker left Wednesday for Hastings to confer with Bishop Beecher in regard to his appointment as archdeacon and to arrange the details for the work he is to take up. When leaving Rev. Bowker had no details of the work and the place of his residence and did not know just when he would be asked to take up his new work.

For Farm Loans see or write Gene Crook, room 3, Waltemath building, North Platte. 411*

Dave White stepped down and out of the county commissionership yesterday and will devote his entire time to selling galvanized culverts, tanks and like articles for the Nebraska & Iowa Steel Tank Co., of Omaha, a company he has been with for four years. In recognition of his good work he received a material advance in his salary the first of this year.

MILK IN WINTER.

Why do your cows give less milk in winter than they do in summer? Just because nature does not supply them with grasses and green food. But we have come to the assistance of Dame Nature with B. A. Thomas' Stock Remedy which contains the very ingredients that the green feed supplies in season, only, of course, in a more highly concentrated form. We guarantee that this remedy will make your cows give more milk, and better milk, with the same feed. Sold by Derryberry & Forbes. J31

EPISCOPAL GUILD TO GIVE A HOME TALENT PLAY

The Episcopal Guild, assisted by their friends, will give the biggest amateur affair ever pulled off in North Platte. "The Katzenjammer Picnic" is a musical burlesque, and there is not a single dull moment from the rise of the curtain until the final fall. It is just what the doctor would order and will add ten years to your life. One hundred and seventy-five people are required to give the picnic—and all in their different costumes will make a sight worth seeing. The little children are very sweet and worth the price of admission; the songs are new and catchy; the dances effective and the costumes are beautiful; a shadow light song with novelty effects will be given by a large number of young people; the stage will be specially wired for light effects. A special curtain will be lowered on the finale and the whole stage will be a mass of red, white and blue.

A great many of the popular young people of the town are taking part and no expense will be spared to make the picnic the banner attraction of the season.

Carson & Landgraf Dissolve.

After a partnership of nine years, the firm of Carson & Landgraf was dissolved yesterday when Mr. Carson's interest in the shop was purchased by Mr. Landgraf who will conduct the business in the future. So far as is now known Messrs. Day, Cantlin and Laws will remain with Mr. Landgraf.

The dissolution came through a desire of each to own a shop, and in accordance with this Mr. Carson has purchased the Beall shop north of the First National Bank, and of which he took possession yesterday.

Both are popular, strive to please their customers, and each will conduct his shop in a manner that guarantees good service.

Fined for Taking Coal

In Justice Miltonberger's court Tuesday, Steve Albro, Alonzo Sheppard, John Walters, Louis Grady, John Holt, George Nolda and Phillip Nolda, were fined \$11.50 each for taking coal from the Union Pacific company. The arrests were made at midnight on the night of January first by officers North and Wayman, and at the time the seven men had in their possession eight tons of Rock Springs coal valued at \$70.00. Holt and Grady were employees of the company.

A. O. U. W. Rates Advance.

In speaking of the A. O. U. W. grand lodge now in session in Omaha, the Bee says:

Before the Ancient Order of United Workmen grand lodge delegates solve the problem that has brought them together, the level plan of rates adopted not long ago by the National Fraternal congress will be in effect. The new rates will not hit the young fellows very hard, but the men who joined the order years ago and have been paying assessments of \$1.50 to \$2.00 per month and have now reached the age of 65 years or thereabouts will be boosted to \$5 or so per month for the remainder of their lives. In the advent they continue to participate in the insurance feature.

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C. T. Whelan was a visitor in Omaha Tuesday.

Katzenjammer Picnic is a hummer.

Miss Lillie Bechon left last evening for Rawlins, to remain indefinitely.

W. H. McDonald returned yesterday from a business trip to Omaha.

For quick action and satisfactory sale list your land with Thoelecke, if

Mrs. William Welsh returned Wednesday evening from a short visit in Omaha.

Logan Marcott of Brady, spent the greater part of this week with local friends.

Charles Temple went to Paxton yesterday to transact business for a day or two.

John Den returned to Sidney last evening after visiting his family for several days.

Mrs. James Brady has returned from Omaha where she visited her daughter for a week.

Misses Lillie and Violet Carlson will leave shortly for Chicago to remain several weeks.

Mrs. John Vernon and baby returned yesterday from a visit with relatives in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

Mrs. John States has been seriously ill for a week past with erysipilis but is slightly improved.

The Misses Rasmussen, of Willow Island, come a few days ago to visit with their sister Mrs. James Kennedy for a week.

FOR YOUR AUTO SERVICE

Call 125 for taxi day or night. Also five or seven passenger car for funeral service. MOGENSEN-LOUDEN AUTO CO. Chandler & Elcor Agency, Corner 8th and Locust Sts.

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Mrs. Morey, of Stapleton, came a few days ago to take treatments at the Nurse Brown Hospital.

A baby boy was born the first of this week at the Nurse Brown hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Snow of Stapleton.

Henry Rebhausen will return to Laramie this evening after visiting local relatives and friends for a week.

Frank Beeler, who is spending this week in Omaha, will spend two or three weeks in Excelsior Springs before returning.

Miss Alice Fitzpatrick and sister Margaret, who have been visiting in Omaha for a week, will return home tomorrow night.

Ted Bogue and Harry Huffman returned to the state university Tuesday evening after visiting the home folks for two weeks.

Miss Mary English, of Overton, who has been visiting her cousin Miss Grace Winslow for ten days, will leave Sunday evening.

Robert Hoeler, of Tulsa, Okla., who spent a fortnight with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Millard Hoeler, left Wednesday morning.

Alfred and Flora Steck, of Sutherland, visited relatives in town this week. Miss Steck was enroute to Kearney to attend school.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Crawford are enjoying a visit from Mrs. J. K. Stear, of Cozad, who arrived here yesterday morning to spend a week.

John Spies, formerly of this city, arrived here Wednesday evening to visit with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Spies for a week or longer.

When down town shopping don't fail to drop into The Leader Co.'s store and stroll around and before you go out ask the clerk to be shown the bargains in Dresses, Coats and Furs.

Episcopal Church.

It has been found necessary to give up the service arranged for Saturday morning (Epiphany) at 10 o'clock. See Sunday notice.

J. J. BOWKER, Rector.

No. 3496.

Report of the condition of the **FIRST NATIONAL BANK** at North Platte, in the state of Nebraska, at the close of business on December 27, 1916.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$558,908.12
Overdrafts unsecured	635.22
U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	\$100,000.00
U. S. bonds pledged to secure U. S. deposits (par value)	1,000.00
Total U. S. bonds	\$101,000.00
Bonds other than U. S. bonds pledged to secure postal savings deposits	24,000.00
Securities other than U. S. bonds (not including stocks) owned or unpledged	22,435.79
Total bonds, securities, etc.	46,435.79
Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription)	4,500.00
Value of banking house (if unencumbered)	47,992.12
Equity in banking house	47,992.12
Furniture and fixtures	3,967.50
Real estate owned other than banking house	10,750.00
Net amount due from approved reserve agents New York, Chicago, and St. Louis	4,479.31
Net amount due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities	79,912.19
Net amount due from banks and bankers (other than included in 12 or 20)	3,457.79
Other checks on banks in same city or town as reporting bank	3,918.61
Fractional currency, nickels, and cents	340.50
Notes of national banks	2,235.00
Lawful reserve in vault and with Federal Reserve Bank	56,553.43
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	5,000.00
Total	\$930,255.58
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund	50,000.00
Undivided profits	30,936.46
Less current expenses and taxes paid	8,212.63
Circulating notes outstanding	100,000.00
Net amount due to banks and bankers (other than included in 12 or 20)	69,278.30
Demand Deposits—Individual deposits subject to check	\$91,032.52
Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days	14,490.06
Cashiers' checks outstanding	2,454.97
United States deposits	1,000.00
Postal savings deposits	10,851.96
Certificates of deposit	168,453.94
Total	\$930,255.58

State of Nebraska, County of Lincoln ss. I, P. L. MOONEY, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. P. L. MOONEY, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of January, 1917. E. R. GOODMAN, Notary Public. Correct Attest: E. F. SEEBERGER, J. H. LANGFORD, JOHN J. HALLIGAN, Directors.



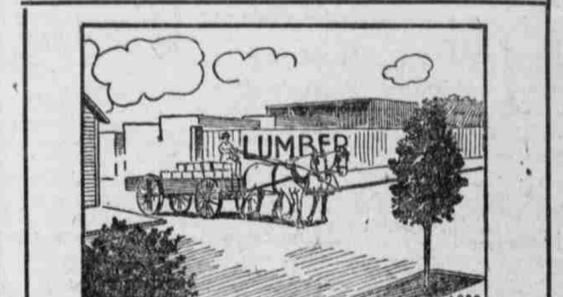
Guard Against Jack Frost
 with "Exide" Starting & Lighting Service

JACK FROST is a real enemy of the Starting and Lighting Battery. Prepare your battery to resist his attacks by making sure that it is in good condition for its winter's work.

Remember, that your car is much harder to start in winter than in summer, and also that the long winter nights call for greater use of lights.

Drive around to our "Exide" Service Station and let us inspect your battery. We make no charge for this service. Expert attention at this time will assure you good service this winter and save you money.

If you do not run your car this winter—send your battery to us and let us care for it during the cold weather. We will give it proper care and return it to you in the spring in good condition. Our small charge for this service may save you the cost of a new battery in the spring.



An Emergency Load of Lumber

consists of an assortment of these items, which may be needed at any time for repairs or patching—several bunches of shingles and lath, a few scantlings a supply of planks, some sheeting, siding, battens, etc., etc.

Such an assortment comes in mighty handy some times, after a heavy wind storm, or when a roof spring a leak and should be found in every well regulated home.

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 North Platte, Nebr.

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NOTICE

Having purchased the stock of merchandise at 713 North Locust street, we intend to continue the business at the same place and would like to meet all the old customers and many new ones. We will sell strictly for cash and give our patrons the benefit of a Cash business. We have some Bargains in LADIES' AND MISSES' COATS which we intend to close out in the next 30 days regardless of cost.

Yours for Business,
NELSON & CO.